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In 2007, Dr. Laura Murillo was named President and CEO of the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce. Over the last 14 years, she has set unprecedented records in membership and revenue – becoming among one of the most influential Chambers in the country with the support of the Chamber Board and staff. Two years after taking the helm, the Houston Hispanic Chamber of Commerce won the National and Regional Hispanic Chamber of the Year Award from U.S. Hispanic Chamber of Commerce and Marketer of the Year by the American Marketing Association three times. In 2021, the Houston Business Journal awarded two Diversity in Business Awards to the Chamber.

She is the Founding President & CEO of the Chamber's Foundation. During her tenure, the Emerging Leaders Institute was established and has over 300 graduates. Murillo is the Founding Executive Producer/Host for the Chamber's Radio and Television Programs on CBS (KHOU 11 & Quest Texas), Audacy (formerly CBS), Univision, and the KUBE57 (with a cumulative audience reach of 3.3 million). She is also a commentator on national media outlets. She holds a B.A., Master's Degree, and Doctorate from the University of Houston where she served as an Executive for 15 years and became the youngest Director in UH history. The University of Houston bestowed its highest honor, the President's Medallion, to the Chamber and Dr. Murillo. Prior to her current role, she served as an Executive at Memorial Hermann-Texas Medical Center for 7 years and served on the CEO's Executive Committee. She was accountable for a \$300 million budget, 500+ employees, and 10 departments.

In 2021, she was admitted into the Harvard University Women on Corporate Boards Executive Program.

She was named Texas CEO Magazine's Top 30 Texas CEOs during COVID-19 for exceptional leadership in 2020 and was featured in Global Influence Magazine's Championing the Success of Women in the Workplace. In 2018, she was named Houston Business Journal's "Most Admired CEO", "Distinguished Alumni Award" by the University of Houston, and Houston Latin American Philharmonic named her "Mother of the Year". She has received many state, national and international honors including being named among the "Most Powerful & Influential Women in Texas" and the "Top Latino Leader Award" by the National Diversity Council, 2017 "Power 25 Houston Award" by Walker's Legacy, "Woman of the Year" by Success Magazine, the "International Leadership Award" by Texas Women's Empowerment Foundation, and CKW LUXE "Top 20 Impact Maker Honoree", the "Outstanding Community Service Award" by the Hispanic Bar Association of Houston, the "Global Impact Award" by Global Seven, the 2019 Civil Liberties & Justice Award, and "SSLW 2020 Women in History Honoree" by Suburban Sugar Land Women.

Dr. Murillo was featured in The Houston Chronicle's 2016 "Women Who Run Houston" article, and was named as "Outstanding Service Honoree" by the Mexican-American Bar Association of Texas Foundation. The National MBA Organization honored her with the "Excellence Award" and D-mars.com named her as an "Icon Honoree." She was also named "Top 10 Who's Who in Business" and has been named among the "Top 5 C-Suite CEO's" by the Houston Business Journal. In 2014, she was honored with the "Hispanic Leadership Award" by the National Football League (NFL) to name a few.

The "Ohtli Award" - the highest honor bestowed by the Mexican government to a Mexican American was awarded to Dr. Murillo for her advocacy and civic leadership in 2016. She has been included at several U.S. Presidential Inaugurations and most recently accepted an inaugural invitation from Mexico's President, Andres Manuel Lopez Obrador. Several Houston Mayors have included Dr. Murillo on international business delegations to: Brazil, Turkey, China, Mexico, Cuba, Argentina, Peru, Chile and other countries.

Dr. Murillo is the first Houstonian to be appointed to the Washington, D.C. Board of Governors of the Federal Reserve System Community Advisory Council (CAC) which has national public policy implications. Additionally, she serves on the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas Business and Community Advisory Council, the Houston BBVA Board of Directors, the University of Houston Board Of Advisors, the University of Houston College of Medicine Committee, the University of Texas MD Anderson Cancer Center Board of Visitors, the Texas Southern University Chairman and President's Council, the Mayor's Hispanic Advisory Board, Avangard Corporation Board of Directors, Mayor's Hire Houston Board, Co-Chair for the Harris County International Committee, the Harris County-Houston Sports Authority Executive Committee, the Houston Super Bowl Committee, the Houston Symphony Advisory Board, the Greater Houston Convention & Visitors Bureau Board, the Friends of the American Latino Museum Committee, St. John's School Audit & Finance Committee, the U.S. Global Leadership Coalition's Advisory Committee, the Houston Stronger Coalition, The 2026 World Cup Bid Committee, the Mayor's Task Force on Policing Reform, and Rice Management Company Workforce Development.

The youngest of nine children, she was born to Mexican immigrant parents and was raised in Houston's East End/Magnolia where she began working at age 10 at her family's business. She is the proud mother of Marisa and Mia, both honors graduates of St. John's School in River Oaks. Marisa earned a mechanical engineering degree from Columbia University in New York City and Mia is a sophomore at Georgetown University in Washington, D.C.